

Maintain lairage and ante mortem facilities for religious slaughter

Overview

This standard covers the skills and knowledge needed to maintain lairage and ante mortem facilities for religious slaughter.

You will need to understand how to and show you can monitor people and livestock you are responsible for. You will need to understand how to and show you are able to follow health, safety, environmental and animal welfare regulations and legislation when maintaining lairage and ante mortem facilities for religious slaughter.

This standard is for you if you work in food operations and the associated supply operations and your role requires you to prepare, monitor and control the supply of feed and water to livestock.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

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1. monitor others that you are responsible for and give them accurate and clear information about safe, humane and effective practices for the movement and treatment of livestock in holding areas
2. monitor and maintain holding areas for livestock in line with operational, statutory and religious regulation requirements
3. identify problems in the livestock holding areas or whilst holding isolated livestock and take relevant remedial action
4. monitor the welfare of livestock in line with operational, statutory and religious regulation
5. hold and treat isolated livestock in line with operational and statutory requirements
6. control the feeding of livestock into the processing lines to maintain the processing line speeds required
7. check that the waiting livestock are kept away from view of those being slaughtered, where abattoir layout permits and the religious authority so requires
8. check that there are no animals which are forbidden from being slaughtered in the same areas as the slaughter lines
9. agree with the relevant person(s) to check that any corrective actions are carried out
10. monitor relevant person(s) to check that the corrective actions are carried out
11. complete documentation according to company procedures and make it available to the relevant person(s)

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. how to monitor the welfare of livestock
2. how to handle, move and treat livestock
3. how to monitor and inform others about handling, moving and treating livestock
4. the types of treatments which may be given to isolated livestock
5. the reasons why livestock may need to be isolated and what holding methods are available
6. why some isolated livestock may not be suitable for slaughter
7. how to feed livestock into the processing lines
8. why some religious authorities require animals awaiting slaughter not to be in view of those being slaughtered, provided the layout of the slaughterhouse permits this
9. the effect of different line speeds on feeding livestock into the processing lines
10. how to monitor and maintain the livestock holding areas and why this is important
11. the types of problems that may occur in holding areas and what corrective actions you can take
12. the effects of over-crowding, lack of amenities, improper treatment, unsafe or unhygienic holding conditions and how they should be avoided

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